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The armistice is to be signed in Korea today and then the political troubles will really start, but thank Heaven the war is over and we can hope it will not be resumed.

One of General Eisenhower's brothers, a Kansas City banker, gave McCarthy the rough edge of his tongue a couple of days ago and it was reported here today to the joy of every one [redacted] we know. He really laid it on McCarthy, calling him a menace and comparing him to Hitler.

E. left in a gust of rain at noon by train, and Eugène has gone by road to fetch back the cavalcade.

The girls and I had lunch. Afterwards I inspected the contents of the local auction room without being tempted.

Audrey and I went to the beach, and perhaps too soon offended by the breeze, whipping sand at gale rates down the stretch, I retired to my room and sought to reduce my stomach and hips by calisthenics, an optimistic venture.

Peasie isolated herself with paints and easel for a purpose later to be discovered.

Audrey braved the elements all afternoon, her nose deep in Dostoievsky's Idiot.

Tonight we went to the Casino to see "The Merchant of Venice" in the movies. It was moderately good, with some fine sets. Harry Pilcer, whom I vaguely associate with Gaby Deslys, is top dog at the Casino and gave us cointreau during the intermission, in the gay dining room. He has been associated with Monsieur André, who runs the casinos and best ~~hotels at Deauville, Cannes and~~ here, for twenty years. He looks far younger than his sixty-three years and I envy him his spriteliness. Monsieur Mockers, the Director of ~~the~~ Casino,

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introduced himself and presented us with four seats for the play on Thursday night.

We walked home in a beneficent drizzle.

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